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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0002] with the following amended paragraph:

[0002] This application is also related to co-pending, commonly assigned, and concurrently filed U. S. Pat. Appl. No. [[-/--,-]] 10/715,879 entitled "FIBER OPTIC INTERNET PROTOCOL NETWORK INTERFACE DEVICE AND METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR USING THE SAME," by Bruce A. Phillips, et al. (Attorney Docket No. 020366-089800US), the entire disclosure of which is herein incorporated by reference for all purposes.